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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Vahid Saadat  
Application No.: 09/746,579 Confirmation No.: 1598  
Filed: : December 20, 2000  
For: : MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING  
TISSUE IN APPPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE  
Examiner : Ismael Izaguirre  
Group : 3765

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
c/o P. O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Further to applicant's response filed July 29, 2002, please amend claims 33, 55 and 65 as follows. No new matter has been added. L

IN THE CLAIMS:

33. (amended) The apparatus of claim 22 further comprising a region of cartilage coupled to the elongated substrate.

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